



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS**

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Wednesday, November 6, 2013

10:00 AM

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montañó, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Anne S. Hill, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Excused: Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Susan Burton

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5251)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (13-5203)

Chairperson Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Chairperson Montañó led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 1. Approval of the October 30, 2013 Minutes. (13-5206)**

On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, the minutes of October 30, 2013 were approved.

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II. REPORTS

- 2. Chairperson's Report on various items for November 6, 2013. (13-5214)**

Chairperson Montañó shared the following Newspaper Articles:

Los Angeles Times

- **Broken homes, broken boys (October 31, 2013)**
- **Jail math (October 31, 2013)**
- **DEPUTY ABUSE PROBES FOUND SUBPAR (October 31, 2013)**
- **Court releases tapes of inmate pepper-spraying (November 1, 2013)**
- **Policing L.A.'s sheriff (November 1, 2013)**
- **L.A. County workers: Why we might strike (November 1, 2013)**

Daily Breeze

- **Sheriff Baca must pay for jail violence**

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3. Treasurer's Report for November 6, 2013. (13-5216)

There was no report.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for November 6, 2013. (13-5217)

There was no report.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on November 6, 2013. (13-5218)

There was no report.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from October 31, 2013 to November 5, 2013. (13-5219)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes/Facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Peter Pitchess Honor Ranch's (PPHR) North Facility, on November 5, 2013. They found the facility to be in excellent condition with the exception of the long phone cord that was observed in the inmates visiting area. Staff assured the Commissioners that the phone cord will be shortened to prevent the inmates from using it as a potential strangling weapon.**

Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews suggested that the staff at PPHR deserves a Certificate of Appreciation for the excellent job they do in the facility.

- **Commissioner Bigby visited Casa Editha Foundation/Ava Lyns Group Home, Page 4, #2, on November 1, 2013. Although she reported that the facility is in satisfactory condition, she shared the following concerns with the group home staff: More food is needed (the Provider plans to shop for more food the next day), hygiene products and earthquake supplies need to be replenished and a new mattress is needed for one of the beds. Also, there is a 22 year-old resident that is still using the medication that was ordered by the Court prior to him turning 18 years old.**
- **Commissioner Bigby visited Hillside Home for Children, Page 22, #1, on November 5, 2013.**
- **Commissioner Russell visited Heritage Group Homes #4, Page 20, #1, on November 5, 2013.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-5220)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-5221)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of November 6, 2013. (13-5222)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montano adjourned the meeting of November 6, 2013 at 10:58 a.m.